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In re application of)
J.B. Leleu et al.)
Serial No. 09/160,133) Art Unit: 1623
Filed: September 25, 1998) Examiner: E. White

FOR: MALTITOL CRYSTALS OF PARTICULAR FORMS, CRYSTALLINE
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THEM AND PROCESSES FOR THEIR
PREPARATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Assignee respectfully submits the present preliminary
amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute claims 65 to 67 for claims 33 to 64,
without prejudice.

65. In a process of crystallizing maltitol from a
starting maltitol syrup having a maltitol content greater than
or equal to 87%, the improvement consisting in selecting the
content of maltotriitol in said starting syrup as being less
than 1% to obtain bipyramidal crystals, as being equal to or
greater than 4% to obtain prismatic crystals, or as being